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Dr. J. P. Dill, of Hale City, is here today.

We acknowledge a pleasant call on yesterday, from Mr. Samuel Thorne.

Dr. Polson and E. H. Hurlbut, of Linn county.

Messrs. Wm. A. Morton of the Hamiltonian, Hamilton, and Chas. L. Mowder, of the Bulletin, Beckenridge, were in the city, Sunday, and paid us a pleasant call. They left on the Washburn, Sunday night, for Springfield, Mo., to attend the editorial convention.

About the first of June Messrs. Buck Manning and Henry Nichols will open a barber shop on North Linn street, opposite J. B. Tanner's harness shop. Buck and Henry are excellent workmen and will doubtless take considerable trade with them to their new stand.

Strayed from the subscriber, a Bay Pony, is away back, star in forehead, shaggy mane, one white hind foot, fore hoofs long and split. Any person delivering him to me or giving information will be liberally rewarded.

JOHN GILBERT, Chillicothe, Mo.

Uncle Billy Hale of Samsel township, was in the city, yesterday, attending the Greenback District Convention as a delegate. He had not been in town since last September. It is a busy time with farmers and Uncle Billy's riding nag being needed, he walked in, a distance of eight miles. He is in his 54th year. This is the kind of metal Greenbacks are made of.

Chillicothe is to be made a volunteer Signal Service Station, by chief of the Signal Service, Gen. Hazen. Observations are to be taken at the school house by the teachers. Instruments are to be brought (by the school board, we presume) and flags will be loaned from the tower of the school building, indicating the approach of fair or stormy weather and danger. In short we are to get a Signal Station, the government, to furnish instruments and reports and this city to furnish the balance. The expense will be comparatively small and the signals will be quite interesting and may prove quite valuable. Col. C. H. Mansur has been working the thing up.

Last Saturday morning, Mr. John H. Ashburn met with a very serious accident. He was riding horseback, when in front of Mrs. Polk's residence the horse became frightened at a wheelbarrow, and commenced to rear and plunge. Mr. Ashburn, in endeavoring to control the animal, broke the bridle-bit. He then caught hold of the saddle, but the saddle turned and threw him under the horse, which was running around in a circle. In the fall one of Mr. Ashburn's feet became entangled in the stirrup, and he was dragged around in this condition, his body coming in contact with the ground in sickening thuds until insensible. He was finally extricated, taken into Mr. Stafford's yard and physicians sent for. He had two or three ribs broken, his collar bone thrown out of place, and his face and scalp badly skinned and bruised. He was afterwards taken to the residence of his son, Mr. Roland Ashburn, on North Cherry street. His wife who was in St. Louis, was summoned home. At the present writing he is doing as well as could be expected.

City Council Proceedings.

FRIDAY NIGHT, MAY 17.

The new officers qualified. Recorder Spence and Marshal W. J. Miller, each giving bond in sum of \$2,000.

A. Q. Polson was summoned as lamp-lighter, at 25 cents per lamp for each night lamps are lit, he to furnish everything.

Judges and clerks of the recent election were appointed for the water works election.

The mayor was authorized to employ an attorney to assist the city attorney in all suits against the city.

A committee was appointed to wait upon G. B. Brown and others to see if they will not withdraw the suit enjoining the completion of the public well.

The question of pinning the City Hall was mentioned by the mayor and seemed to meet with favor.

Adjourned until Monday night.

Petition of James A. Knott et al. asking appointment of a special policeman, referred to city attorney.

Bids for publication of ordinances referred to next meeting.

Board of H. H. Spence as city collector, approved.

Committee on public works instructed to report the City Hall in such a manner as they may think proper.

Adjourned to regular meeting.

Decoration Day.

We, the undersigned business firms in Wheeling, hereby agree to close our respective places of business from 8 A. M. to 5 P. M., on Friday, May 30, (Decoration Day):

Hastings & Robinson.

Edgerton & Seabury.

A. M. Bowers.

John Carter.

R. F. Lake.

Selbert & Carpenter.

Boiler & Son.

Samuel Forrester.

The time during which we can take subscriptions to the "American Sentry" at 50 cents per year, is about up. Now that the campaign has opened and our National Convention is so near, every Greenbacker should have the "Sentry," at least for the campaign. It is eight pages, six columns to the page. It contains a complete report of the proceedings of the National Convention. Remember, that each yearly subscription will receive, free, a copy of "Kellogg's New Monetary System," or a copy of Warwick Martin's "Money of Nations."

Send Money by American Express Co. Money Orders.

Receipts given. Money refunded if Orders are lost. Sold at all offices of the Co. Payable at \$500 places. Rates: To \$500, \$10.00; \$500-1000, \$20.00; 1000-1500, \$30.00; 1500-2000, \$40.00.

38-6m DOUGLAS STEWART, Agt.

BY HIS OWN HAND.

Rev. Williamson of the Chillicothe Baptist Church.

Ends His Earthly Career.

Monday evening, May 19th, about dusk, Harry Truog noticed a man lying in the little pasture lot, just outside the city at the west end of Jackson street, belonging to a Mrs. Stinson, for which Judge Clark is agent. He told his father, Mr. F. Truog about it, but Mr. Truog paid little attention to it, just then, thinking it was some one sleeping off a drink. Harry went back again and seeing the man still there told his father, who, now thinking it might be some one in distress, went over to look after him. As soon as he got near enough to see the body, Mr. Truog became impressed with the fact that it was something more serious than a drunk. The man was well dressed, and his clothes were neat and clean. He went up to the man who lay face downward, one arm partly under his head and one leg over the other. His hand was white as marble. All this Mr. Truog observed in an instant and before he had touched the man. He then felt his hand and pressed down the grass and looked at his face and found him cold and stiff. There was no blood and a six ounce bottle lay near him about quarter full of liquid. He and Mr. Jeff Broadbent and another gentleman who went with them, neither of whom recognized the body, gave the alarm and Mr. Truog at once notified Coroner Ed. Taylor. A jury was immediately summoned, witnesses were examined and the following verdict returned:

In the matter of the inquest over the body of Robert H. Williamson, deceased, near Chillicothe in Livingston county, Mo., May 18, 1884:

We, the jury, find that the deceased was known as Robert H. Williamson, that he came to his death at the county of Hancock, on the 12th day of May, 1884, by taking hydrocyanic acid, administered by his own hand.

(Signed) J. J. Clark, R. W. Reynolds, Robt. Stewart, Ben E. Davis, Jos. Baugher, J. H. Miller, E. D. Taylor, Coroner.

THE CASE.

Last August Dr. Robert H. Williamson came here to Chillicothe from Moberly, where he had resided and practiced medicine for some time previous. He came here on the invitation of the Baptist Church, to become its pastor. He was not then an ordained preacher, but he had while at Moberly, joined the Baptist Church and had been here once or twice and preached. So it was arranged for him to come here, he ordained and filled the Baptist pulpit for a year. He was ordained as a minister and preached some Sunday, his sermons becoming better as he gained experience, and the church growing rapidly under his care.

On the 10th of last November, Miss Sarah Jamison came here from McGregor, Iowa, and she and five, Williamson were on that day married by Rev. John Galt of this city. If we remember correctly, the intended marriage was announced by Miss Jamison some days previous to Rev. Williamson's arrival here. We understand that once when Miss Jamison was sick at McGregor, Iowa, Williamson was her physician. They lived together very happily and his church credited for him a neat little parsonage. His cup of bliss seemed to be overflowing.

Meanwhile a correspondence was going on between Messrs. Swift & Campbell, lawyers of Chicago, and L. A. Chapman, Esq., an attorney of this place. On February 29th last Swift & Campbell, finding Chapman's name in their directory, no doubt, wrote to him inquiring how long Rev. Williamson had been here, whether he had any property in his own or his wife's name, and when he married and where he was married. Chapman answered this letter and another, asking some more questions, when he received the following letter:

CHICAGO, March 25, 1884.

To L. A. CHAPMAN, Esq., Chillicothe, Mo.

The Rev. Robert H. Williamson was married about twenty years ago. His wife's name is Charlotte L., and now resides in Massachusetts. Some time after their marriage Mr. Williamson was settled at Wilkes-Barre, Pa. He was there guilty of such grossly immoral conduct that he was obliged to leave. His wife condoned his offenses and remained with him.

He studied medicine and went to Milwaukee to practice, but was unsuccessful; and his conduct was such that in September, 1880, his wife left him and went to Massachusetts, where she has ever since resided. About the time that she left him, Mr. Williamson went to McGregor, Ia., and after remaining there some time to Moberly, Mo., and from Moberly to Chillicothe, as you know.

We have had records searched in Clayton county, Ia., in which McGregor is situated, to see if he obtained a divorce while there, and find that he did not. We wish you would search the records in your county and in Randolph county to see if he has obtained a divorce in either of those places. If he has not, Mr. Charlotte L. Williamson wishes to file a bill against him and obtain a divorce, and the facts which you have already made known to us will enable her to do it.

Please examine records and report to us what you find. If you can find out under what pretense he married, as a widower, or bachelor, or divorced man, please do so and let us know. If he was married without having a divorce we do not care to spare him, and his wife will sue him, but have, as yet, wishes to file a bill against him and obtain a divorce, and the facts which you have already made known to us will enable her to do it.

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